

cution and contents of the same and the true boundaries of the land claimed, and on their verdict and the pleadings, the court shall adjudge the rights of the parties and declare the contents of the deed, if any deed be found by the jury, and allow the registration of such judgment and declaration which shall have the force and effect of a deed.

How to establish a will which has been destroyed.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That any person desirous of establishing the contents of a will destroyed, as aforesaid, there being no copy thereof, may file his petition, setting forth the entire contents thereof according to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, and all persons having any interest under the same, shall be made parties, and if the truth of such petition be denied, the court may direct proper issues to be made up and the matter in controversy tried by a jury, whether will was recorded, and if so recorded, the contents thereof, and the declarations of the court shall be recorded as the will of the testator; any devisee or legatee shall be a competent witness as to the contents of every part of said will, except such as may concern his own interest in the same.

How to perpetuate destroyed judgments, &c.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That every person desirous of perpetuating the contents of any destroyed judgments, order or proceedings of court, or any paper admitted to record or registration, or directed to be filed for safe keeping, other than wills or conveyances of real estate, or some right or interest therein, may file his petition, setting forth the substance of the whole record, proceeding or paper which he desires to perpetuate, and if on the hearing the court shall declare the existence of such record, proceeding, or paper, at the time of the burning of the office wherein the same was lodged or kept, and that the same was there destroyed, and shall declare the contents thereof, such declaration shall be recorded or registered, or filed, according to the nature of the paper destroyed.

Color of title to land in seven years.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That every person who shall have been in the continual, peaceable, and quiet possession of any land, tenements or hereditaments situated in the county claiming, using, and occupying them as his own for the space of seven years, under known boundaries, the title thereto being out of the State, shall be deemed to have